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FOR: AF/E PETER SMITH

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TAGS: CASC, (SEMANS, SCOTT) ZA, US
SUBJ: CLAIM OF SCOTT SEMANS AGAINST BANK OF ZAMBIA

REF: (A) STATE 179721, (B) SEMANS FILE TRANSMITTED AUGUST 17, 1977 BY AF/E DS-4

1. EMBOFF HAS CONTACTED SENIOR MANAGER IN CHARGE OF EXCHANGE CONTROL FOR BANK OF ZAMBIA, MR. MUTEMBWA. MUTEMBWA HAS ACTUALLY HANDLED ENTIRE CASE AND NOT MRS. CHONA, AS SHOWN IN REFERENCE B). CHONA TOOK ORDERS FROM MUTEMBWA.

2. MR. SEMANS SHOULD BE INFORMED THAT HE WILL NOT GET HIS K190 (ONE HUNDRED AND NINETY KWACHA) RETURNED OR THE NUMISMATIC COINS HE REQUESTED. THE REASON IS AS FOLLOWS:

ZAMBIAN KWACHA IS NOT AN INTERNATIONAL CURRENCY.

KWACHA IS NOT TO BE USED IN INTERNATIONAL TRADE.

THE BANK OF ZAMBIA INFORMS FOREIGN BANKS, INCLUDING THE FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF THE UNITED STATES, OF ITS VARIOUS REGULATIONS FROM TIME TO TIME BY MEANS OF A CIRCULAR. THE FEDERAL RESERVE BANK THEN INFORMS ALL OF THE COMMERCIAL BANKS OF THESE REGULATIONS. THEREFORE, THE NEW YORK BANKING
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INSTITUTIONS THAT MR. SEMANS PURCHASED HIS KWACHA FROM SHOULD HAVE KNOWN THAT IT WAS, IN EFFECT, AN ILLEGAL TRANSACTION TO SELL KWACHA TO MR. SEMANS FOR DOLLARS. THE TRANSACTION IS ONE THAT CANNOT BE HONORED BY B.O.Z.

3. EMBASSY SUGGESTS SEMANS DIRECT HIS EFFORTS TOWARD NEW YORK INSTITUTION WHICH SOLD HIM KWACHA FOR DOLLARS. IF THIS IS

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NOT ACCEPTABLE, EMBASSY WILL GLADLY SUPPLY SEMANS WITH LIST
OF LOCAL LAWYERS WHO MAY PURSUE THE MATTER FOR HIM HERE IN
ZAMBIA.
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